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Brandeis University

'Fast for Freedom' to Aid Southern Negroes Spreads from Brandeis to Other Campuses

Students in more than 40 colleges and universities across the country sacrificed a dining hall meal recently as a means of providing some $10,000 worth of staple food products to destitute Negro families in the South.

The program, called "Fast for Freedom," was conducted at Brandeis University last year, and this year became a national movement under Brandeis student direction. It was designed to supply food to Negroes in areas where unemployment is rising steadily.

Heading the program were Brandeis students William Caspe of New York City and Bruce Fleegler of New Kensington, Pa., both juniors.

Food products will be purchased, at near cost, from Stop & Shop, Inc., and shipped free of charge by the Teamsters' Union to Jackson, Miss., where it will be distributed by the Congress of Federated Organizations.

Among the colleges and universities which participated were Columbia University, Johns Hopkins University, the University of Chicago, Northwestern University, Rutgers University, Barnard College, the University of Hawaii, Tufts University, Connecticut College for Women, Yeshiva University and Colgate University.

The Fast was endorsed by Brandeis President Abram L. Sachar, and by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Congress of Racial Equality, the National Student Association, the Northern Student Movement, the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation and the Student Christian Association.

BRONZE BUST of late President Kennedy, created by well-known sculptor Boris Lovet-Lorski, will eventually take its place on a granite base in the University's Gerstenzang Science Quadrangle which is now under construction. The bust is the gift of Mrs. Zuita Gerstenzang Akston, who in 1962 provided the initial funds to launch construction of the science complex.

3,500-Year-Old Disc Text Deciphered by Prof. Gordon

PHAESTOS DISC, a subject of Dr. Cyrus Gordon's current research, is believed to be about 3500 years old. The inscription was printed by impressing individual dyes on soft clay before the disc was baked hard. It is the world's earliest example of a printed text in which more than one dye was used.

Dr. Cyrus Gordon, who attracted worldwide attention in 1962 when he announced that he had identified the Minoan language as Northwest Semitic, has now revealed new evidence to support his belief that classical Greek and Hebrew cultures are based on the same Semitic background in the East Mediterranean.

Dr. Gordon, chairman of the University's Department of Mediterranean Studies, has succeeded in deciphering the 3,500-year old text on the famous Phaestos Disc uncovered in Crete 56 years ago.

The decipherment spells a clear relationship, according to Dr. Gordon, between the ancient people of Crete and the Semitic people who inhabited the Egyptian Delta between 2000 and 1800 B.C.

"Minoan civilization was quite suddenly established on Crete by newcomers in the Middle Bronze Age," Dr. Gordon explains. "It now appears that the first Minoan palace builders were Northwest Semites (from the Delta where there have always been a large number of non-Egyptian Mediterranean people), who were forced out of Egypt by the vigorous Pharaohs who established the Twelfth Dynasty and consolidated the union of Upper and Lower Egypt."

June 1964

A Report to Friends of Brandeis University:

Terms: As of January 1, 1963, the Ford Foundation offered Brandeis University a Challenge Grant of $6,000,000 in undesignated funds. Under the terms, the Ford Foundation will award this sum when the University matches it — on a 3 to 1 basis — with $18,000,000 from its 'foster alumni' and alumni. The grant covered a three-year period.

Achievement: The Brandeis 'family' has responded with pride and tangible expressions of dedication: — Cash receipts of the University during the current academic year have been 50% greater than last year.

Precedent: In recent months, Johns Hopkins University and the University of Notre Dame have received their *second* grants from the Ford Foundation. Among the factors which apparently influenced a second grant was the impressive indication of strong support from alumni. *Both institutions fulfilled their goals in one-half the time allotted, i.e., in 18 months.*

Conclusion: The conclusion reached by Brandeis was the only one consistent with its history:— Brandeis must meet the 18-month record and hope, thereby, to be permitted to apply for a second $6,000,000 grant. *Consequently, the target date is June 30, 1964.*

Facts: As of May 1st, these were the figures:

1) Matching Cash on Hand	$13,000,000
2) Commitments Prior to June 30	1,500,000
3) Payments Authorized From Estates	500,000
4) Total.	15,000,000
5) Balance Needed Before June 30	3,000,000
6) June 30, 1964 Goal!	$18,000,000

Answer: There can, and will, be only one answer, — $3,000,000 *more* before June 30th. Here is how it can be done:

A) Can you fulfill or, even better, *accelerate* your payment on your pledge *now?*
B) If not now, can you commit a payment before June 30th? If so, please notify the University promptly.
C) Won't you tell other friends of the University of the urgency and get them to *accelerate?*
D) Will you sponsor a Challenge Grant meeting in your home or club? President Sachar or Mr. Rabb will address it via a telephone conference call.
E) Many, many individuals have been considering gifts to the University for some time. Now is the date to pin them down. Someone must take the initiative. Won't you?
F) Life Income Trust funds count. You? Your friends? Your clients?

Fulfillment: Achievement of this goal can assure fulfillment of the American Jewish community's dream for Brandeis: — a truly great center for academic excellence, symbolizing for all Americans our contribution to higher education and the traditional heritage of love for learning which has always characterized our people.

Respectfully,

M. LINSEY
Chairman

SAMUEL LEMBERG
Co-Chairman

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Brandeis University
X Gitelman, Howard M. (Prof)
X Invitation

April 17, 1963

Mr. Nicholas Morrissey, Gen. Organizer
International Brotherhood of Teamsters
650 Beacon Street
Boston 15, Mass.

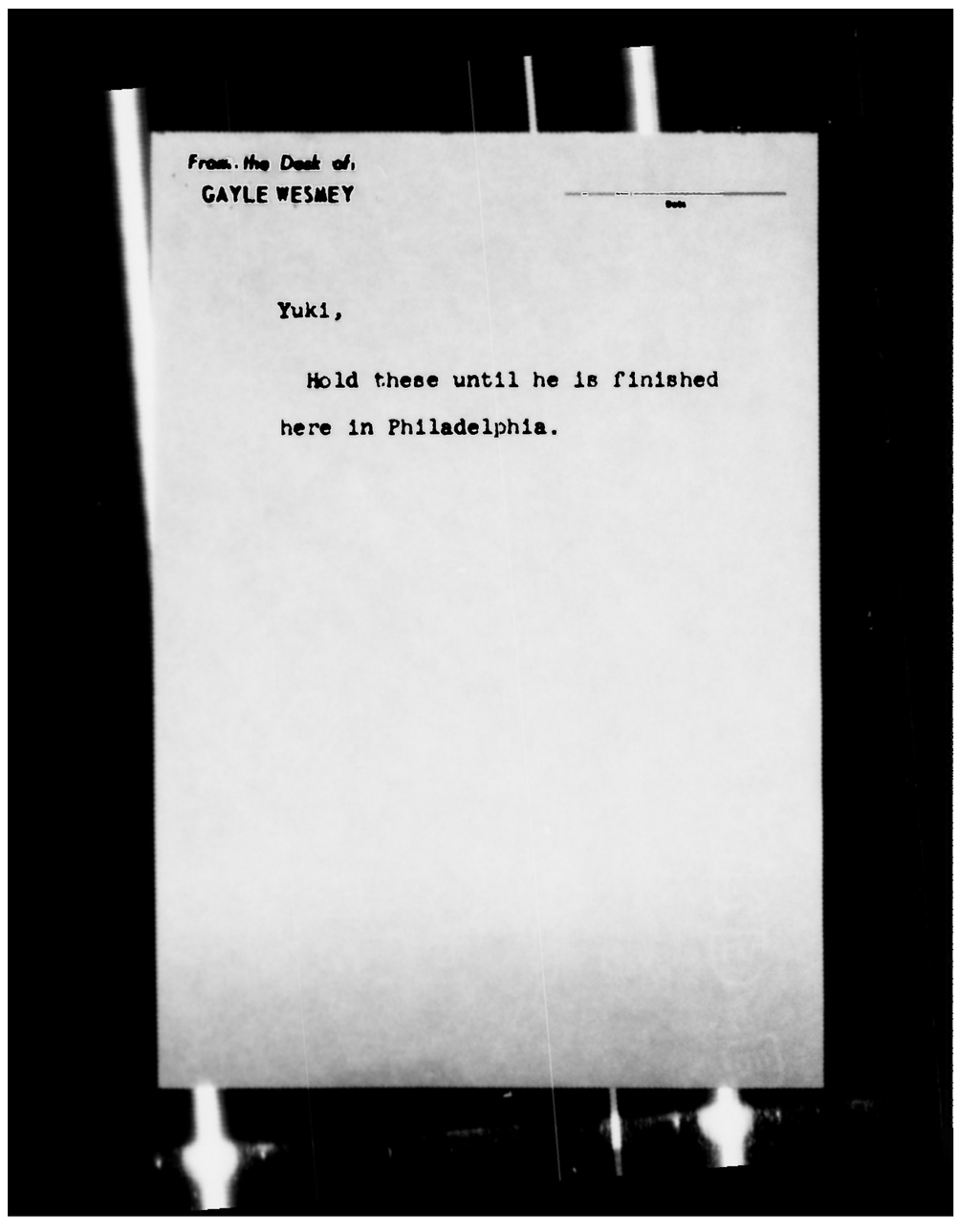
Dear Sir and Brother:

Re your communication dated March 22 recommending that Mr. Hoffa accept a speaking engagement at Brandeis University. Please notify Professor Gitelman that Mr. Hoffa is not in any position to accept dates until he finishes with our problems in Philadelphia.

Fraternally yours,

H. J. Gibbons
Executive Assistant to the
General President

HJG/yk



From the Desk of:
GAYLE WESMEY

Date

Yuki,

Hold these until he is finished here in Philadelphia.

Jim Hoffa

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS
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25 Louisiana Avenue, Northwest
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If you should decide to accept it, please advise the undersigned so that such preliminaries as may be necessary in your interests can be arranged.

With kind personal regards, I am

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Enc: ltr 3/13/63 fm Gitelman to Morrissey

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March 13, 1963

Mr. N. Morrissey
General Organizer
National Brotherhood of Teamsters
650 Beacon Street
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I hope that matters will work out so that such a meeting can be held. Let me thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,

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Brandeis University
X Gitelman, Howard M. (Prof.)
X Gen. Letter

February 23, 1962

Mr. W. P. Morrissey
General Organizer
International Brotherhood of Teamsters
650 Beacon St
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Morrissey:

You were so kind to me a few months ago when I interviewed you. I was wondering if I might ask you for a further favor. We, at Brandeis, my economics students in particular, would be very desirous of having Mr. Hoffa give a talk on the need for strenuous organizing efforts on the part of the labor movement.

Realizing Mr. Hoffa is quite busy, we should naturally want to inconvenience him as little as possible.

If Mr. Hoffa is coming into the Boston area sometime this spring, could you find out if he could take the time to come out to Brandeis and speak to us? Arrangements will be made to meet his every convenience, both as to the date of his appearance and the time.

Let me thank you in advance for whatever assistance you may give us in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Howard M. Gitelman

Howard M. Gitelman
Professor of Economics

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Brandeis University
B Forensic Society
X Invitation
X Berger, Mike

February 19, 1962

Mr. Mike Berger, Secretary
Forensic Society
Brandeis University
Waltham, Mass.

Dear Mr. Berger:

I am in receipt of your letter dated February 12th and am sorry that I must again decline your invitation to address the Forensic Society.

Since my last communication with you new court developments have occurred and this precludes my making any definite commitments for the next several months.

Thank you for your consideration, and again my regrets that I cannot accept this invitation.

Very truly yours,

James R. Hoffa
General President

JRH/yh

Forensic Society
BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY
WALTHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
Mike Berger, Secretary,
12 February, 1961

Mr. James R. Hoffa, General President,
International Brotherhood of Teamsters,
25 Louisiana Ave., N.W.,
Washington 1, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoffa:

As you may recall, I wrote you earlier in the year concerning a possible speaking engagement here at Brandeis. At that time you informed me that your schedule was filled until the beginning of this year, and asked me to write again after the start of our second semester. At the urging of my father, Dr. Edward J. Berger, Medical Director, St. Louis Labor Health Institute, and Mr. Harold Gibbons, I decided to take you up on the offer.

The reason for doing this through the Forensic Society is that, as you may know, this year's Intercollegiate Debate Topic is Resolved: that labor organizations should be under the jurisdiction of antitrust legislation. We felt that the views of an insider--and one of the prime targets of such legislation--would prove of much value to the Society as well as to the campus as a whole. As a matter of fact, I was recently approached by one of our Economics professors who expressed great interest in our efforts to engage you as a speaker. The date, I feel certain, could be worked into our schedule anytime it could be worked into yours. Should you decide to come, I'm sure that we could promise you a large, interested, and lively audience composed of students and faculty from all over the Boston area.

Hoping to hear from you shortly, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Mike Berger

Mike Berger, Secretary,
Brandeis University
Forensic Society

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Brandeis University
B Forensic Society
X Invitation
X Berger, Mike

October 24, 1961

Mr. Mike Berger
Brandeis University
Waltham 54, Mass.

Dear Mr. Berger:

Thank you for your invitiation to address the Brandeis University Forensic Society.

As you may be aware, I have an extremely heavy schedule for the remainder of the year, and, therefore, have not been scheduling any speaking engagements for the remainder of the year. However, after January I may be in a position to accept a date. If this fits in with your schedule, please contact me at that time.

Very truly yours,

James R. Hoffa
General President

JRH/yk

Speech

Brandeis University

Mike Berger
Brandeis University
Waltham 54, Mass.
12 October, 1961

Mr. James R. Hoffa, Presidant,
International Brotherhood of Teamsters
25 Louisiane Ave., N. W.
Washington 1 D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoffa,

To begin with, let me introduce myself so that we may continue on more even terms. My name is Mike Berger, the son of Dr. B. J. Berger, Medical Director of the St. Louis Labor Health Institute; at present, I am a sophomore at Brandeis University.

I am writing this letter as a member of the Brandeis University Forensic Society. As you may already know, this years' national intercollegiate debate topic is Resolved: that labor organizations should be placed under the jurisdiction of anti-trust legislation.

Since one of the major contentions of those supporting the resolution seems to center around so-called "monopoly power of unions", and union power in general: and since your organization is commonly acknowledged as the strongest in its field, we believe that it would be of invaluable assistance to us--and great interest to the student body in general--to have you appear on campus to address the society. and all others who might be interested, on this subject.

We fully realize that your time is necessarily limited since your chosen vocation deals with matters other than public speaking. If, however, you find that you do have a little "spare time" and are wondering what to do with it, we have a suggestion: Speak at Brandeis!

Hoping to hear shortly of your acceptance, I am
Sincerely yours,

Mike Berger

Mike Berger

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1 March, 1961

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Dear Mr. Gibbons,

Although Mr. Wertheimer has probably already written, I thought I should take this opportunity to thank you personally for taking your valuable time to come and speak to us.

It was one of the most successful talks which I have seen given on campus this year; from the standpoint of attendance, interest, and participation on the part of the student body. Rarely have I seen a group of Brandeis students that large that would have stayed all night — I believe they would have if you had been able to stay.

Again, thank you.

Sincerely,

Mike Berger '64

ADMINISTRATIVE FILE
Brandeis University
X Invitation
X Berger, Mike

January 24, 1961

Mr. Mike Berger
Brandeis University
Waltham 54, Mass.

Dear Mr. Berger:

Thank you for your letter of January 10th inviting me to speak on the matter of labor and the medical needs of our people.

If you will submit to me several alternate nights in February, I shall be happy to consider accepting your invitation.

Very truly yours,

H. J. Gibbons
Executive Assistant to the
General President

HJG/yk

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY

Mike Berger '64
Brandeis University
Waltham 54, Mass.

Mr. Harold J. Gibbons, Vice President,
International Brotherhood of Teamsters
25 Louisiana Ave., N.W.
Washington 1, D.C.
10 January, 1961

Dear Mr. Gibbons,

I was recently informed by Dr. Edward Berger of the possibility of your speaking here, at Brandeis University, in connection with this year's national debate topic--Resolved: that the United States should adopt a program of compulsory health insurance for all citizens.

Due to the extreme interest that organized labor has taken in the health needs of its members, we feel that it would be very valueable to the society, and to the campus as a whole, to hear just how labor is manageing to meet these needs.

Since we will be occupied with exams for the rest of this month, the most convenient time from our point of view would be a week-night in February.

With the sincere hope that we will be able to arrange a meeting in the near future, I am

Respectfully,

Mike Berger

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Brandeis University
Waltham, Massachusetts
February 14, 1961

Mr. H. J. Gibbons
25 Louisiana Avenue, N.W.
Washington 1, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I have received your letter of February 9th and have made the necessary arrangements. I have arranged to have your speech held in the old library on the Brandeis campus at 8:00 p. m. on February 28. I hope this time suits you.

We would be happy to provide transportation to and from the university.

If there are any last minute changes, please call me . My number is TW 3-9268.

Sincerely yours,

Roger Wertheimer

Roger Wertheimer
President
Brandeis Debating Society

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Brandeis University
X Invitation
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February 9, 1961

Mr. Roger Wertheimer, President
Brandeis Debating Society
Brandeis University
Waltham, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Wertheimer:

I have your letter of January 29th listing the convenient times for my speech.

The date I have open in my schedule is February 28 and will be happy to accept your invitation for this date.

Very truly yours,

H. J. Gibbons
Executive Assistant to the
General President

HJG/yk

Brandeis University
Waltham, Massachusetts
January 29, 1961

Mr. H. J. Gibbons
23 Louisiana Avenue, N.W.
Washington 1, D.C.

Dear Sir:

The following nights would be convenient times for your speech: February 21. 22, 27, 28. If these nights are not convenient then we could possibly arrange it for one of the following nights: February 7, 13,14,15. 20, 23. Any one of the first set of dates would be most convenient for us.

Please inform of your preference as soon as possible so that I can make the most suitable arrangements. With your permission I would like to invite the debating teams from the greater Boston area.

Respectfully yours,

Roger Wertheimer
President-
Brandeis Debating Society